



CAMDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Council Chambers - City Hall

PRESENT

Mayor Vincent Sheheen (**absent**)
Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton Boykin
Councilmember Delia J. Davis
Councilmember Phil Elliott
Councilmember William Wilkes
City Clerk Brenda Davis

City Manager Matt DeWitt
Assistant City Manager Caitlin Young
Director of Communications Dawn-Marie Johnson
Attorney Lawrence Flynn (**absent**)
Chronicle-Independent Martin Cahn
and interested citizens.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Boykin called the Camden City Council Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Phil Elliott opened the council meeting with the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council, on motion by Councilmember Davis, seconded by Councilmember Wilkes, voted unanimously to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 17, 2026.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve the April 7, 2026, proposed agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- April Employee of the Month – Elizabeth Shook, Assistant to Director of Utilities and Public Works.
- Camden Police Office of the Year – Cpl. Chad Braithwaite.
- Toby Edwards, Executive Director of the Carolina Cup Racing Association, was recognized by Police Chief Jack Rushing for his longstanding partnership with Camden Police.
- Camden earns 2025 Tree City USA recognition from Arbor Day Foundation for its 38th consecutive year.
- Council proclaimed April 22, 2026, as Earth Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jamie Guy spoke regarding a rezoning request for the property at 112 York Street, expressing his support for the approval of an ordinance that would allow affordable housing development on the site.

William “Rusty” Major highlighted the success of the Cup Fest and shared information regarding upcoming Historic Preservation Month and Awards, which will take place in May.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, SECTION 30-4-80, THE TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING WAS POSTED AND ALSO THE CHRONICLE INDEPENDENT NOTIFIED.



Equine Advisor Council Presentation

Cindi Prestage, a member of the of the Kershaw County Equine Advisory Task Force, provided a presentation identifying opportunities to strengthen one of Camden most prominent industries. Her recommendations included the expansion of equine tourism, improvements to facilities, and enhanced marketing initiatives.

ORDINANCE #2026-007 2nd Reading

Council on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, second by Councilmember Davis, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance amending certain provisions of title XV, Chapter 158 of the City of Camden Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Historic Landmarks Commission; and other matters relating thereto

CONSENT ITEMS

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously approved the following consent items:

Resolution #2026-008

- A resolution authorizing the appointment of a city prosecutor and other matters related thereto. Council welcomed Mrs. Laurie Slade Funderburk as the new City Prosecutor.
- Replacement of a member of the Historic Landmarks Commission
- Council approved the appointment of Mary-Stuart Hardy to the Historic Landmarks Commission to fill an unexpired term and a term commencing on August 31, 2026. Mrs. Hardy term will expire on August 31, 2030.

ORDINANCE #2026-004 1st Reading (note: this ordinance was a carryover)

Council unanimously denied the proposed ordinance to rezone property located at 112 York Street (C28513-00-032) and other matters related thereto.

**The City follows Robert's Rules of Order and pursuant to Section 30.34 of the City Code, "all proceedings of the Council shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order." Under Robert's Rules of Order, if the chair never formally accepted a motion or stated the question to the assembled council, then the vote was not properly before the body. Nevertheless, where the vote failed and no action was adopted, the procedural defect becomes immaterial after adjournment, and the motion fails.*

ORDINANCE #2026-008 1st Reading

Council, on motion by Councilmember Wilkes, seconded by Councilmember Elliott, voted unanimously to approve an ordinance authorizing the City of Camden, South Carolina to enter into an installment purchase transaction to provide for the construction, reconstruction, acquisition, installation, renovation, and equipping of City Hall facilities and public safety facilities, including all improvements and facilities related thereto; authorizing the execution and delivery of various documents relating to such transaction, including the base lease agreement and the installment purchase and use agreement; appropriating certain funds of the City and



amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget to effect the same; approving the issuance of bonds by the Camden Public Facilities Corporation; delegating authority to the Mayor and City Manager to effect such transactions and determine certain matters; and other matters relating thereto.

COUNCIL/STAFF TOPICS

City Manager Matt DeWitt shared data from the Camden Cup Fest, noting that the event was a success.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:21pm in honor of Patrick D. Partin.

Mayor Vincent Sheheen

Attest:

City Clerk Brenda Davis